

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 45 are pending. Claims 10-13, 17-19, 22, 23, 27-36 and 38-44 have been amended to correct dependency errors. Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100.

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP

Date: January 12, 2004

By: 

Caroline L. Keller
Registration No. 50,491
Attorney For Applicants

725 South Figueroa Street, Suite 2800
Los Angeles, CA 90017-5406
Telephone: (213) 488-7100
Facsimile: (213) 629-1033